Sinclair and Dyes Inlets Fecal Coliform TMDL

Community Advisory Committee

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Cleaning Up Sinclair and Dyes Inlets

- **Ecology is developing a fecal coliform TMDL (water cleanup plan) in cooperation with Navy and EPA**
- **What is a TMDL and why fecal coliform bacteria?**
- **What are we learning from the Navy study?**
- **What are the solutions?**

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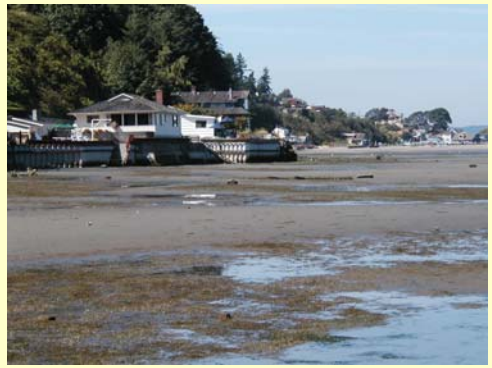
Water Quality Standards Protect These Beneficial Uses

- **Shellfish Harvest**
- **Fishing**
- **Contact Recreation**
  - **Swimming**
  - **Boating**
- **Aquatic Life (Fish & Wildlife Habitat)**
- **Shoreline Development**
- **Commercial & Industrial Activity**
  - **Shipping**
  - **Marinas**
  - **Shipyards**



Fecal Coliform Bacteria as "Indicators"

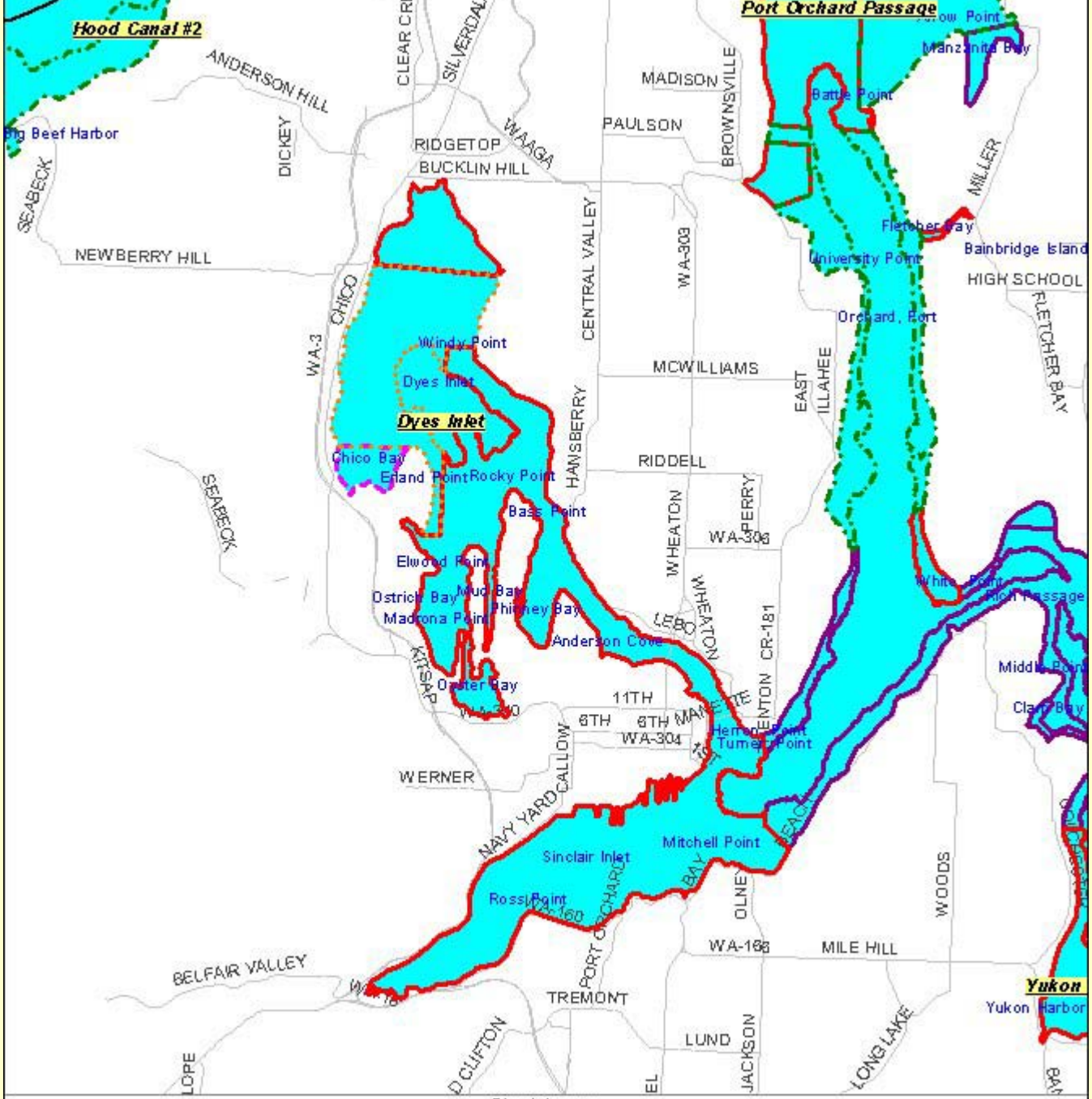
- **Outbreaks of illness correlate with fecal coliform bacteria in water**
- **Fecal coliforms- in feces of warm blooded animals**
- **#s high if water contaminated with sewage, manure, pet or bird droppings**
- **May not be pathogens themselves but occur with viruses, E. coli, Salmonella**

Water Quality Standards for Bacteria

- **Dept of Health classifies marine waters for commercial shellfish harvest**
- **Standards for shellfish growing areas are even stricter than standards for recreational uses**
- **Ecology sets state water quality standards for both marine, fresh waters**
- **Ecology/DOH standards agree**

Sinclair and Dyes Inlets:
Status for Commercial Shellfish Harvest (Dept of Health)

- **Outlined in red – prohibited**
- **Outlined in gold - conditional**
- **Outlined in magenta – restricted**
- **Outlined in green - approved**



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Maps show commercial classifications only.
For recreational beach classification see:

Sinclair and Dyes Inlets Water Cleanup Plan will include…

- **Goal to increase areas open to shellfish harvest (& protect other uses)**
- **Results of Navy Study – monitoring and modeling (predictions) of bacteria from freshwater to marine**
- **Plan for reducing bacteria inputs – with input from Tribes & local organizations**

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New understanding of marine water quality that will come from this study

- **Monitoring data for streams shows differences in wet and dry seasons and storm conditions**
- **New data for stormwater outfalls**
- **New data for marine nearshore areas one day after storm event**
- **Watershed-wide comparisons**

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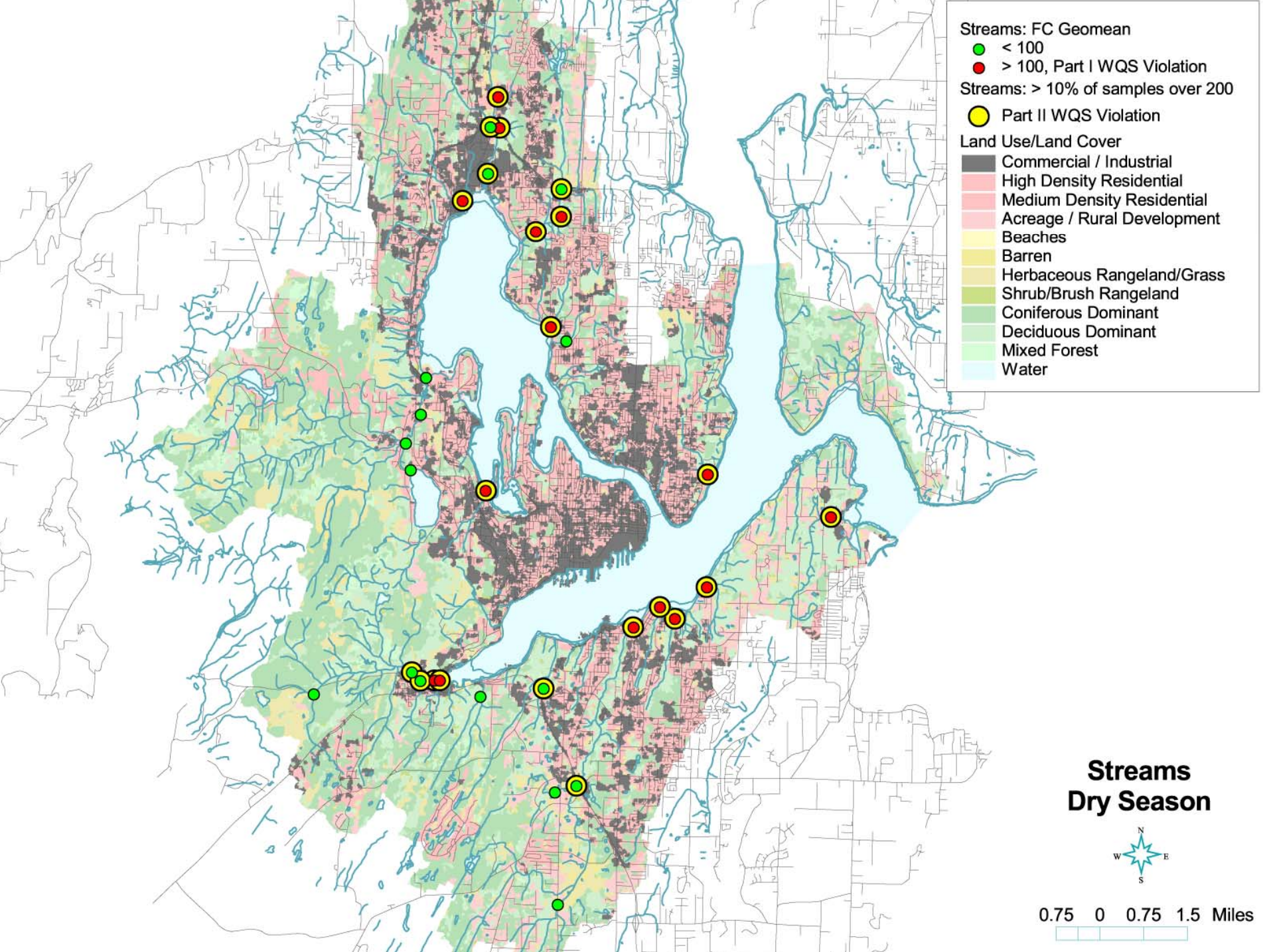
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Medium Density Residential
Acreage / Rural Development
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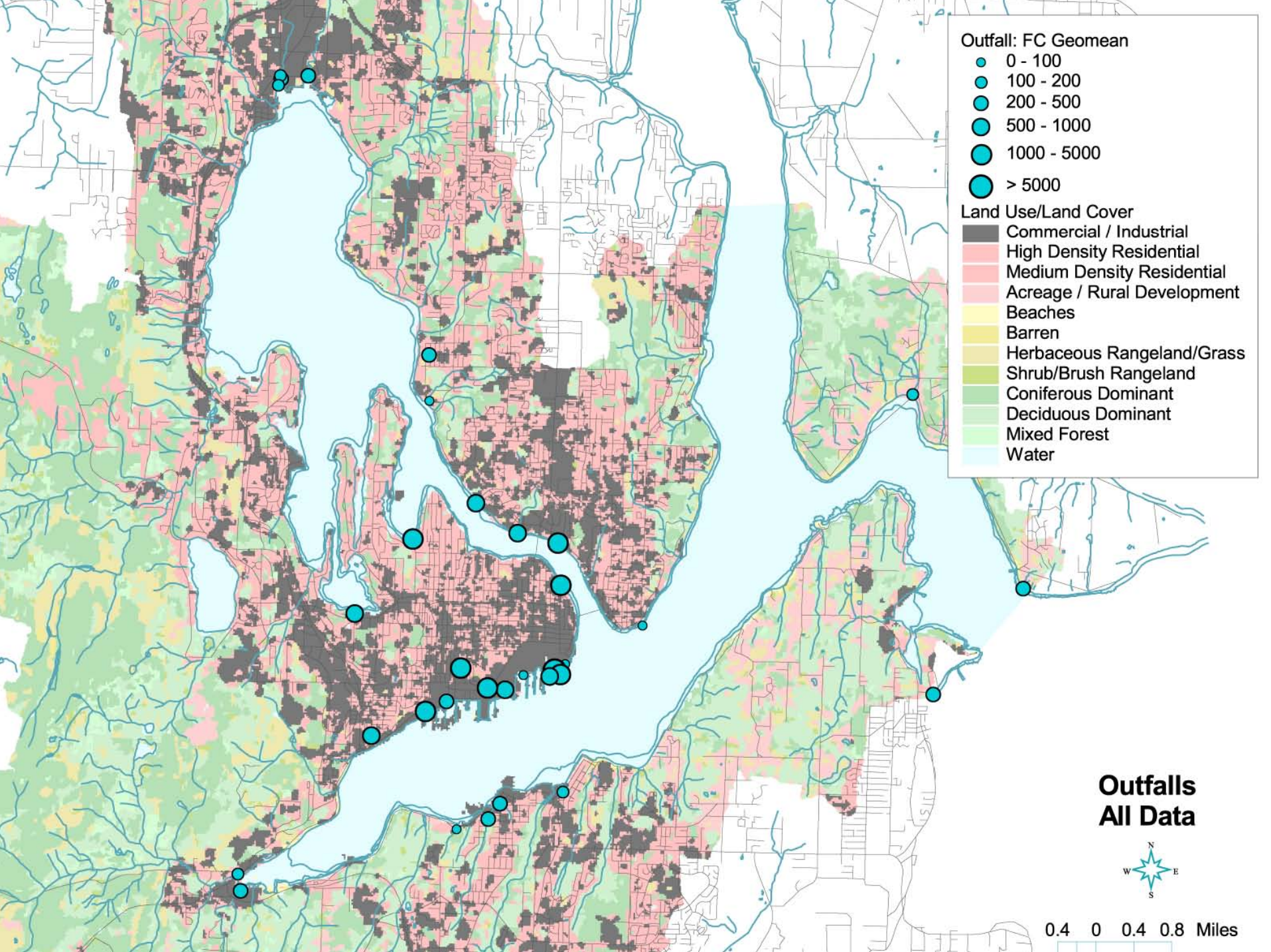
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"Critical Conditions"

- **EPA Requirement for TMDLs**
- **Protect beneficial uses under "typical worst case" scenario**
- **Bacteria TMDLs – often a seasonal "worst case"**
- **Wet season vs. dry season**

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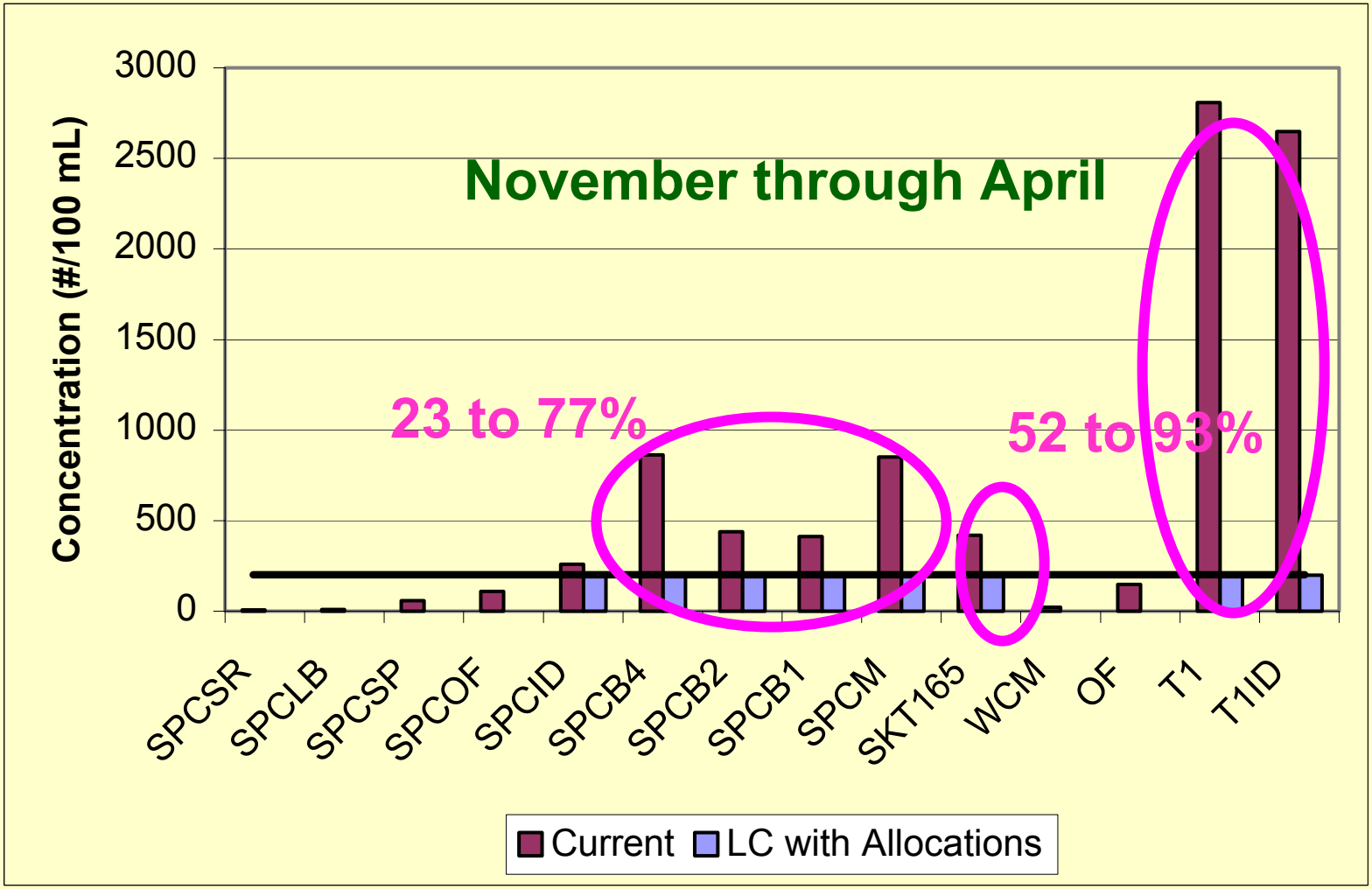
One way to define "critical conditions" is to use seasons



Water Cleanup Plan – After the Study

- **Study shows relative importance of bacteria sources**
- **Ecology proposes cutbacks from all sources**
- **Ecology works with local governments, Tribes, others to plan cleanup strategy**
- **Cleanup actions**
- **Monitoring**

Typical Water Cleanup Plans for Bacteria ask for …

- **Better maintenance and repair of sewage and septic systems**
- **Improve stormwater management by local government, industry**
- **Educate about pet waste, manure management and proper boat waste disposal**
- **Improved stewardship of streams and riparian areas by citizens**

Opportunities for Community Advisory Committee

- **Advise the 3 partners (EPA, Navy, Ecology) on public meetings & outreach for the TMDL in 2006**
- **Provide citizen perspective on Water Cleanup Plan's recommendations for implementation**
- **Keep 3 partners aware of local water quality priorities and planning processes**

Clean water benefits all of us! Thanks for staying involved!

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